

# THE BEACH CLEANUP

by Mary Tran

When we got to the beach we went in our groups. Then we started to pick up garbage. We picked up different kinds of things such as bottles, foil, aluminum cans, cigars and plastic. Our group tried to pick up as much garbage as we could. I thought it was great to pick up all the litter on the beach.

While we were walking we all looked in the sand to see if we can find a pet rock we wanted to keep. My pet rock is oval shaped and smooth as crystal. I

think it's a good idea that we find a pet rock so we can keep it and remember the time we went to the beach.

At lunch time we ate our lunches on the beach. I didn't like eating on the beach because the sand gets in our food. But after we ate it was fun. We played one fly up and played in the sand. I think the field trip to the beach is really fun!

**Note:** The Ocean Beach clean-up was on February 28, 1992. Mary Tran is a student in Ms. Sullivan's 4/5th grade class at El Dorado School.

## GRAPESVINE VISITACION VALLEY

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### One Neat City Week Is A Clean Sweep

Imagine the "Beach Blanket Babylon" players in costume cleaning up North Beach. Envision Mayor Jordan and the full Board of Supervisors ringing in the work week with a cleanup at the Civic Center. Picture a Union Street Easter Parade with participants sporting their favorite "One Neat City" hats. Then try to imagine hundreds of civic-minded individuals and merchants making our streets, neighborhoods and plazas sparkle with pride. Those are just a few of the things that you will be seeing during "One Neat City Week," April 18-25.

"One Neat City Week" -- approved unanimously by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and signed into legislation by Mayor Jordan -- will tie together a variety of special events including MUNI's 100 years of Electric Streetcars, Christmas in April and Earth Day. A concurrent series of Clean City Coalition cleanups will top off these special festivities -- all emphasizing that everyone can HELP KEEP SAN FRANCISCO ONE

#### Multicultural Celebrations at "Little Vis"

In February, 1992, the students at Visitacion Valley Elementary School held two assemblies in the auditorium to celebrate their ethnic diversity and share their cultures.

Friday, February 25th: Black History Month. 5th graders from Mrs. Anderson's class present Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Father of African-American history, his life, accomplishments and dream.

Thursday, February 13th: Lunar New Year (of the Monkey)

1st graders from Mrs. Brown's Chinese Bilingual ed class present the origin of the twelve animals in the Chinese Zodiac.

#### NEAT CITY.

A little over a year ago, Charlotte Mailliard Swig, then the city's chief of protocol, and Sam Ginn, CEO of Pacific Telesis, saw San Francisco's image getting more and more tarnished by litter. Along with Pacific Telesis, Norcal, The Gap, Inc., PG & E, and a number of other corporate and civic supporters, they decided to do something about it.

Together, Swig and Ginn created the San Francisco Clean City Coalition, a grass roots anti-litter organization, which they co-chair. Now, with more than 150 neighborhood litter cleanups under its belt and a comprehensive educational campaign in place, the Coalition is gearing up for its biggest effort yet -- "One Neat City Week," April 18-25.

Here is what you can expect:

\* Saturday, April 18

The "Beach Blanket Babylon" players will kick off the festivities with a sweeping costume parade in North Beach. Outside of St. Peter and Paul's Church, they'll be joined by nuns and priests who will lend the support of a higher power to the Coalition's cause. Also, a motorized cable car carrying Mayor Jordan and San Francisco Clean City Coalition members will visit neighborhood cleanups by the following associations, Telegraph Hill Neighbors, Pacific Heights Residents and Fillmore Street Merchants.

\* Sunday, April 19 (Easter Sunday)

Easter will feature an afternoon Union Street parade, with a creative hat contest, including a category to see who has the most creative "One Neat City" hat. Also, on Sunday keep your eye out for a blimp hovering above the city declaring "One Neat City Week."

\* Monday, April 20

The mayor and the full Board of Supervisors will ring in the work week with a "One Neat City Week -- Great Sweep" at the Civic Center. Before sweeping

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### "Good Neighbor" Policy Key To Reducing Crime

In the United States, a violent crime occurs every 19 seconds and a property crime every three seconds, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. In California alone, close to 2,000,000 crimes are reported each year.

Some people believe that crime is a police problem, and there is nothing we, as citizens, can do about it. These people are wrong. Crime is not inevitable. Individuals can have an impact on crime by getting involved with their community and making crime prevention everyone's business.

"One of the best ways to get involved is by organizing a Neighborhood Watch group in your community," says Bruce Thacher, president of Westec Security, California's largest and fastest growing residential and commercial security company. "Studies prove that an active Neighborhood Watch program can reduce burglaries by as much as 61 percent and reduce all other types of crime by 58 percent. There also is a significant reduction in fear of crime among residents participants in Neighborhood Watch."

To organize a Neighborhood Watch group in your community, follow these steps:

#### STEP ONE:

\* Contact your area crime prevention officer who will help you get started and attend your meetings.

\* Establish a meeting time and place convenient for everyone -- a centrally located church, synagogue or meeting hall is best. The crime prevention officer can help you get the word out and encourage residents to attend.

#### STEP TWO:

\* Hold your meeting with your crime prevention officer and exchange names, home and work telephone numbers for everyone in the group.

#### STEP THREE:

\* Get to know your neighbors and become familiar with their routines.

\* Be alert. This is the most effective way to reduce crime in your neighborhood.

\* Be suspicious. Report unusual activities to the police.

\* Keep a trusted neighbor informed if your house will be unoccupied for an extended period of time.

\* Look after your neighbors' houses when they are away.

#### STEP FOUR:

\* Establish and attend regular Neighborhood Watch meetings with your local crime prevention officer.

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### NEW CITY COLLEGE INFORMATION DIRECTOR

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Longtime radio show host and opinion writer Noah Griffin has been named director of the Public Information Office at City College.

In his new position, he will work with the news media to help bring the story of the college to the community, while establishing a communications network within the college.

Griffin is a graduate of Fisk University and Harvard Law School. The native San Franciscan has been the executive assistant to the General Manager for the Department of Social Services, an instructor at the University of San Francisco and the public affairs director at KSFO/KYA radio station. He regularly writes opinion pieces for the Examiner.

Griffin also was selected for a Phelps-Stokes history fellowship, a Yale University fellowship, and a Coro Foundation fellowship in public affairs.

"Noah brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the public information office," said City College Chancellor Evan Dobelle.

"I am proud and happy to become a part of the City College family," Griffin said. "As the largest two-year institution in the world, with a diverse student body, faculty, administration and curriculum, there is quite a story to tell."

#### Golden Gate Park Band Opens 110th Season

Spring officially arrives in San Francisco Sunday, April 5, at 1 pm., when Conductor Robert Hansen strikes up the City's ever popular Golden Gate Park Band.

The oldest continuously performing municipal band in the country will celebrate the opening of its 110th season with a program of Irish music, dance and song commemorating Robert Emmett Day at the Music Course in Golden Gate Park.



Community Boards, formerly of Leland Avenue - right here in Visitacion Valley - has reached the "big time". Here is a Community Boards dispute resolution panel, demonstrating their techniques to members of the Commonwealth Club



## Sen. Quentin Kopp



### Closing Tax Loopholes

Attempting to resolve California's vexing budget crisis, I've introduced two measures this year to stop tax loopholes and thus avoid eliminating many critical state services furnished to Californians. The changes will not increase the tax burden for families or most taxpayers, but will, however, change several current tax laws.

Last year I introduced SB 82, which would have required reassessment of corporate real property if more than half of the corporation's publicly-owned stock changed ownership. The bill was rejected by the Senate Appropriations Committee 5-6 this past January. That could have raised as much as \$2,600,000,000 per year for school districts, counties and cities.

Now, I tackle blatantly unjust provisions of the tax laws. Senate Bill 71, which was approved by the full State Senate on a 21-7 vote on January 30, 1992, revises the definition of "change in ownership" for purposes of assessing corporate real estate. Under the California Revenue and Taxation Code, a "change in ownership," with respect to corporate owned property, presently occurs only if more than 50% of the corporate stock is sold to one purchaser in a single transaction. If more than 50% of the stock is sold in one transaction to more than one purchaser, no "change in ownership" is deemed to have occurred so as to cause a reassess-

ment to present market value of the corporate property. SB 71 provides that is a majority of the stock of a corporation is sold in one transaction to one purchaser or more than one purchaser, a reassessment of the corporate real estate is required, based upon current market value. (That's the case if one of us sells property).

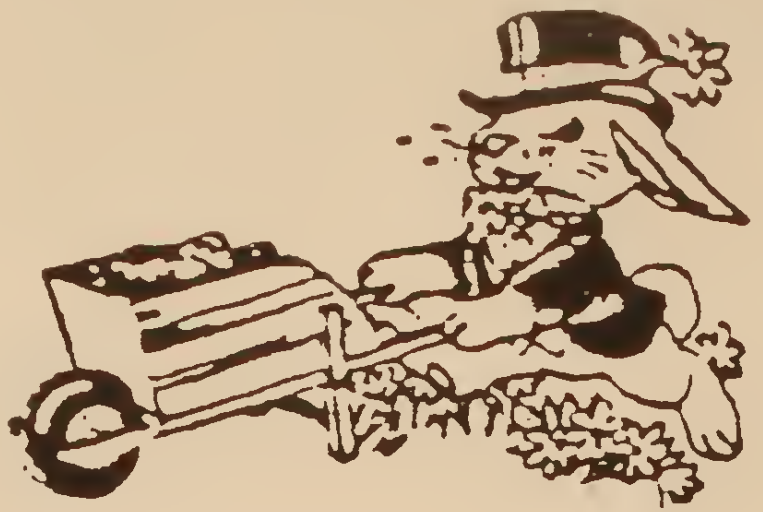
If approved by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor, SB 71 will change this embarrassing provision which has existed in California law since Proposition 13 was implemented by legislative action. It is illogical that if two buyers acquire more than 50% of the stock in one transaction, the event causes a reassessment of the corporate real estate. The loophole creates opportunity to evade the plain, requiring reassessment to market value at such time as a "change in ownership" occurs. The California Board of Equalization estimates that the property tax benefit for school districts, counties and cities from SB 71 would be in the "tens of millions."

The potential gain in revenue from closing additional tax loopholes does not, however, end there. That is why I introduced another measure, Senate Bill 1706. SB 1706 features the following provisions:

- \* Eliminating the tax break for companies which invest in Puerto Rico of U.S. provisions. By excluding income from Puerto Rico and United States possessions in the tax base of multi-national

- corporations, California provides a tax break to companies which invest in Puerto Rico. Removal of this tax break could furnish that state as much as \$15,000,000 a year.

- \* Ending the exemption of 75% of foreign dividends from domestic taxation. That generates \$25,000,000 a year. California currently excludes taxation of foreign dividends paid U.S. companies, thus benefiting injudiciously California companies which invest abroad.



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- \* Require that estimated tax payments of multi-national corporations fall within 90% of the actual tax due, thus producing an additional \$50,000,000 annually for California. Existing double-standard law requires multi-national corporations to pay only 70% of their estimated tax payments, while other taxpayers are required to remit 90% of their final net income to avoid penalties. The rule should be the same for all taxpayers.

- ying income tax. Elimination of that double standard could raise \$200,000,000 annually for California.

- \* SB 1706 also address the question of whether entertainment is really a "business expense." I am confident that most, if not all, hard-working, salaried

taxpayers agree that entertainment expenses should not be subsidized by taxpayers. Ballgames, the theater, a round of golf, and other such events are for enjoyment, but taxpayers should not pay the bill, in effect, for business executives who are better able to afford such luxuries. My legislation eliminates deductions for such events.

Financing state government is a difficult feat. Consequently, we must examine with a steady eye our state income tax structure in order to bring justice to a system which often caters only to a fortunate few in our state. By terminating numerous inequities, we can avoid eliminating or reducing many critical services on increasing state taxes on the general public.

## Little Hollywood Reports

By Don Bertone

The next general membership meeting of the Little Hollywood Association will be on Tuesday, April 14th, 7pm at the Korean Presbyterian Church on 120 Lathrop Avenue. Everyone in VisValley is invited to attend our meetings because most of the issues we talk about affect us all. For more information call 467-9669. Special interests or problems can always be brought up at any meeting. Guest speakers are always invited to attend. This is your forum, so make it work. The only reason that our neighborhood does not get run over with problems like so many others is that we have such a strong group that is heard downtown and gets things done. There is always plenty of free parking right outside the front door. The Grapevine can be found in newspaper boxes and stores around the area or is mailed to those who have subscribed. This is the ONLY paper that tells what's going on in the neighborhood, so if you don't get it, you miss out. Come to the meetings and make yourself heard or don't complain later that nothing gets done, or even worse, something you don't want

gets done!

CalTrans will give a presentation on the soundwall that will be going up on the freeway between Tocoloma and Lathrop. We met with them last year and expressed our concern about how it was going to look when they were finished. We didn't just want to end up with a blank wall that made our neighborhood look like a fortress. We also wanted to make sure that the trees and other landscaping remained so we wouldn't be able to see the wall from our neighborhood. I have been in touch with the designer for the project, Cheryl Nevares, who has sent me preliminary plans for the design. They propose to make a multicolored wall with various shades of pastels in the design of the San Francisco skyline as you might view it from a boat out on the Bay. Some of the colors included yellows, browns, grays and a light purplish-plum color. There will be hand-outs and representatives from CalTrans and the City to show us the plans.

We will soon have a new neighborhood to compliment ours in about 3 years. 600 new homes will be built along Harney Way with construction to start this Fall. The project was approved by the Planning Commission this month. Tuntex Properties, the new owners of the San Francisco Executive Park have agreed to hire 50% of the construction workforce from VisValley and the Bayview. A job bank will be set up at

the Community Center and anyone interested in securing a contract for services or employment is encouraged to contact the Center or this Association. The design of the buildings promise to make this a luxurious project complete with a health club and daycare center along with a new park with landscaped trails alongside the hill. This is only the beginning so stay tuned for further developments!

Kirk Miller wants to meet with us again to finalize the construction conditions that we agreed to regarding the Hester Heights project. Hester Street residents and anyone else affected,

please get in contact with me so that we can set up a meeting between us.

The "Little Hollywood Oasis", which is being built by Sanitary Fill's Artist in Residence Program is part of what all the noise is about 2 weeks ago and they will also be adding some more trees along the fence. The "Oasis" will be made of recycled materials brought into the company and selected for use by the current artist in charge of the work. VisValley Elementary students will get to make inscriptions on the flagstones during their fieldtrip to Sanitary Fill which become a permanent part of the sculpture.

### KOPP INVITES PUBLIC TO TOWN HALL MEETING

State Senator Quentin L. Kopp will host three Town Hall meetings open to all San Francisco Residents on Saturday, April 4, 1992 in the Richmond, Sunset and Parkside districts.

The first meeting, from 10 a.m., will be held in the Presidio Middle School, 450 30th Avenue at Geary Boulevard. The second meeting, from noon to 1:30 p.m., will be held at Jefferson Elementary School, 1725 Irving Street at 19th Avenue. From 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.,

Senator Kopp will meet with constituents at Commodore Sloat School, 50 Darien Way near the intersection of Ocean Avenue and Junipero Serra Boulevard.

Kopp, who is chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, will address other state and local issues.

For more information about the Town Hall meetings, call John Shanley in Senator Kopp's District Office at (415) 952-5666.

### FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE GRAPEVINE

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\*Supervisor John Molinari was guest of honor in a ceremonial christening of two new vans by the Visitation Valley Senior Transportation Escort Service.

\*Our Lady of the Visitation

Parent/Teacher Group began organizing its second "It's a Small World" International Carnival to be held the beginning of May.

\*Former Mission High School football great Mike Klotovich was among ten members of the 1987 San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame to be honored at a special May banquet at the USF Commons.

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## One Neat City Week Is A Clean Sweep

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outside of his "storefront," the mayor will announce the San Francisco Clean City Coalition activities for the remainder of the week. Also, the mayor and the Coalition will unveil a new litter receptacle containing a recycling bin on the top and ribbed instead of flat sides to prevent graffiti vandalism.

\* Tuesday, April 21

"Adopt-a-Litter-Spot" cleanups will take place throughout the city, including sweeps of Powell Street, Union Square, and the cable car turnstiles. As part of the Coalition's educational program, Mayor Jordan will kick off a series of school cleanups being throughout the city.

\* Wednesday, April 22

In its fourth Rossi Awards ceremony, the Coalition will recognize individuals who have made a real dent in the city's litter. Past winners include civic-minded individuals such as Fred Canonica, who for the past three years, seven days a week, has personally swept South Van Ness Avenue between 24th and 25th Streets.

\* Thursday, April 23

San Francisco State University and the University of California at San Francisco will conduct "One Neat Campus Days" to bring about litter awareness at San Francisco's institutions of higher education.

\* Saturday, April 25

"One Neat City Week" ends with everyone in the trenches making our streets, neighborhoods and plazas sparkle with pride. Neighborhood and merchant cleanups will be conducted throughout the city. The day kicks off at 7:00 a.m. with a motorized cable car carrying Mayor Jordan and San Francisco Clean City Coalition members to various neighborhood cleanups.

If you would like to join in the Coalition's efforts please contact the Coalition at 553-2913.

## GEORGE W. WILSON LODGE

George W. Wilson No. 101 enthusiastically report a banner year thus far. The year started off festively when as the host lodge we welcomed the Most Worshipful Grandmaster and other Grand Lodges Officers to the first District No.1, and No. 6 Masonic Table Lodge. The newly elected officers and members of District No.1 and No.6, in full regalia, feasted and conversed at the splendidly arranged gathering organized by the Worshipful Master, Edgar C. Brown. The evening was highlighted by the rousing keynote address of the Most Worshipful Grandmaster Martin L. Kennison (see photo, left) who exhorted the brethren with the theme -- "bow good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The Table Lodge festivities were duly complemented on the following day by the official Grandmaster's visit and workshop. The day was additionally marked by instructive lectures and lively exchange planned and coordinated by R. W. Deputy Grandmaster Harold D. Mure (see photo, right); R. W. Senior Grand Warden Joseph V. Nicholas, R. W. Junior Grand Warden Ronald Robinson and R. W. Grand Lecturer Harold R. Davis. Special commendation goes to R. W. Paul R.



Most Worshipful Grandmaster Martin L. Kennison (left) and R.W. Deputy Grandmaster Harold D. Mure of the George W. Wilson Lodge #101, Prince Hall Affiliation, relax with a friend.

Rose, District Inspector and R. W. Le-Vell McClain, Chairman of Recognition, both members of George Wilson No. 101 whose contributions to this event were irreplaceable. This was truly a momentous occasion for the district and a harbinger of bright achievements on the horizon.

## Tuna Leaves Cats Listless

Cats love tuna, but it may not be the best food for them. Katherine A. Houpt, V.M.D., Ph.D., Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, studied cats' behavior after eating both tuna and beef. She discovered that tuna eaters, when left alone in a cage, were less active and took longer to consume their food than beef eaters. The study also found higher concentrations of mercury in the brains of tuna-eating cats, suggesting that mercury in the feline brain leads to sluggishness. Introducing new stimuli outside the cage improves activity levels.

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## Visitation Valley Middle School

### 1st Place

#### "What Will I Do To Make VisValley A Better Place In The Year Of The Monkey"

I would help VisValley by making our school clean and tell kids to stop writing on our school wall. I would also try to make our school as clean as ever. I would try to help clean all the writings off the wall, so our school wall will be clean. After we finish eating I would throw my trash in the garbage can. I would try to make VisValley a better school in the year of the monkey. For this year I hope VisValley will be the best school and a better place to be, I hope our school was the best so kids would wanna come to our school. I hope everyday our school is clean and no writing on the wall so our school will

be clean. I would also tell all the kids to stop capping on each other. I would also tell people to stop hitting other kids and just be their friend. This what I will do for VisValley Middle School in the year of the monkey.

### 2nd Place

#### "What Would You Do To Make VisValley A Better Place In The Year Of The Monkey?"

I would make VisValley a better place by helping each other keep VisValley clean and recycle paper. I would make VisValley a better place by telling people not to put graffiti on the walls of VisValley. Vis Valley is the school for children and that's why you have to make it a clean school. I would make VisValley a better school or place by telling the students not to fool around with their schoolwork or homework cause the teachers of VisValley is working hard to help you understand what you are doing. I would make VisValley a better school or place by telling the

student not to put down anybody else. Just because they look ugly outside it doesn't mean that they are ugly inside too.

### 3rd Place

#### "The Chinese Lunar New Year"

The Chinese Lunar New Year is celebrated by using firecrackers to scare away the evil spirits than can haunt asians. The dragon costumes are used because in the ancient days in China, wild animals used to attack people until someone come up with a dragon costume. They do the lion dance. It scares away the wild animal with a little mirror on top of the head. This year, the year of the monkey. The monkey is a intelligent, problem-solvers, Independent, alot of skills in business. But they can be tricky tacticians, vain, longwinded, and immature. The first day of Chinese New Year is called "Juan Jan". All Chinese people os asians should have a big feast on Chinese New Year's Eve. Chuen-hop is a tray of togetherness filled with sweets and dried fruits. This chinese word

"fook" is a character of luck. If its upside down, luck had arrived. The grapefruit, orange, tangerine and apple is used and decorated in pyramid od triangle shape. It symbolizes joy, good luck, and wealth. Lai-see are red envelopes filled with money or good luck money. Plum Blossoms are used to symbolize longevity, and courage. Narcissus, if it bloom on New Years Day, it will be a lucky year. The Chinese New Year is the world's old chronological record.

### 4th Place

#### "What Will You Do To Make VisValley A Better Place In The "

I would tell another childcare, not to write or board and other place. When I walk in the hall, and I see paper on the ground. Instead of walking over the paper. I'll pick it up and throw it away. Not fight. Tell other kids fighting is not the answer. I'll also tell them to use words to solve their problem. I would also help other kids, when they are feeling

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## WOODROW WILSON VARSITY BASEBALL

In April, the following games are scheduled for the Woodrow Wilson Varsity Baseball Team:

Galileo High School is the opponent on April 1st and 2nd. Both games are at 3:15 p.m., the locations are Moscone Rec. Center for April 1; and Silver Terrace for April 2nd.

On April 6th, Wilson meets Burton at Silver Terrace, again at 3:15 p.m.

The next opponent is Lowell High, on April 8th at Silver Terrace, and on April 9th at Nealon Field at "Big Rec" at 3:15 p. m. each time.

April 13, 14, and 15 will be the 1st Annual San Rafael Spring Baseball Tourney. Wilson will play 3 games at places and times still to be arranged.

Hillsdale will be the target on April

20th, at Silver Terrace at 3:35 p.m. (Note different time).

It's on to Wallenberg on April 22nd and 23rd. Game 1 will be at Silver Terrace at 3:15 p.m., and game 2 will be at Nealon Field at the same hour.

Finishing April on the 29th and 30th, Wilson plays against O'Connell; the 29th at Potrero Hill and the 30th at Silver Terrace, again both at 3:15 p.m.

Good luck to the Warriors under Head Coach Dan Harrington. The players wearing the green and gold who, we know will represent their school so well are: Antonio Alfaro, Miguel Bracamontes, Felix Cabrera, Michael Cayago, Dante Galura, Danny Garcia, Miguel Garcia, Nathaniel Hairston, Antonio Luna, Ervin Molina, Marcus Moore, Rodolfo Orozco, Carlos Quijano, Billy Tam, Carlos Vasquez, Edward Cash Wallace, and Edwin Navidad.

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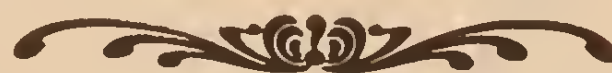
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### "A Stinker"

The time came when I needed a new water heater. I drove to Goodman's department store and chose a 30 gallon tank to be delivered the next day.

At the appointed time I was outside, watering the lawn. I lived in a quiet neighborhood, in a hilly section of San Francisco, called Little Hollywood. As I had the last house on top of the hill there was no traffic beyond me.

I saw the truck laboriously creeping up the hill, fully loaded. It stopped in the middle of the street, in front of the house.

I hailed the driver.

"You'd better park in my driveway. You are not safe there."

"We'll be all right, don't worry." Two young men stepped out, full of swagger and confidence. They opened the tailgate and dragged out a crate, encircling my water heater. They dragged it out and it fell with a clang on the pavement. At the noise I looked up in time to scream.

"Look out! The truck is moving."

They saw the truck rolling towards them and they both scattered, one to the right, the other to the left. They were too paralyzed to react. The rear wheels reached the heavy crate, pushed it down the hill for a few feet then, with a crunch of crushed metal, the truck came to rest on top of the squashed water heater.

It had been close. Several children were playing at the bottom of the hill. The consequences of what could have happened were too appalling even to think about.

The boys were ashen and shaken. They managed to bring their truck to my driveway. I saw they were in no condi-

tion to drive. I did not rub it in by reminding them of my earlier warning. I felt sorry for them.

"We all could use a drink," I suggested. "Let's go upstairs."

I brought out some whiskey and we sat and drank and thought.

Conversation was uncalled for. The boys couldn't snap out of it.

Worried about their jobs, having to pay for the water heater.

They apologized for having ignored my warning.

They were young. Just two kids.

The atmosphere was heavy with tension. I couldn't ignore it any longer. I sniffed the air and called out:

"What is that awful smell?"

"It's me," said the youngest. "I sh-t in my pants!"

## Women and Cancer Walk

Women And Cancer Walk, Part Of The Human Race: An event to raise funds and increase visibility of community organizations serving women with cancer and working to provide access to health care. Pledges collected by participants will benefit seven San Francisco and Alameda County organizations: Breast Cancer Action, Bay Area Black Women's Health Project, Women's Cancer Resource Center, Cancer Support Community, National Latina Health Organization, North East Medical Services, and Native American Health Center. Walkers, joggers, and wheelchairs welcome. This walk is part of The Human Race, a community fundraising event organized by the Volunteer Centers of Alameda County. Choice of 5, 10 or 15K routes. Saturday, May 9, 1992 at Lake Merritt in Oakland (at BART stop). For more information or to register, write or call: Women and Cancer Walk, 3543 18th Street Box 1, San Francisco 94110 (415) 985-7108.

## SUNNYDALE CLEANUP CAMPAIGN RALLY

The Visitation Valley Parents for the Youth sponsored a Rally and March with a Black History Program on February 29th as a kickoff for a year round cleanup program in Sunnydale and the surrounding neighborhood. The Jackson family: Ruth, Brian and the Rev. W. Jackson led the Program, which included song, prayer and the poetry of Langston Hughes. This inspiring Program rallied the participants, who pledged to return once each month to help keep the neighborhood cleaned up under the leadership of Brian Jackson, affectionately known as the "best Coach in the World".

Participants in the February 29th Program included Rev. W. Jackson, Rev. Lee, Brian Jackson, Ruth Jackson, Faraji Abrams, Pricilla Neal, Wabesha Rutherford, Jacquelyn Holley, Deidra, Louise Vaughn, LaVaughn King, Renee Strong, Mrs. Madeline Robinson, and many others. Represented

were Visitation Valley Parents for the Youth, Mothers & Fathers of Concern, Geneva Towers Tenants, Shilob Full Gospel Church, Visitation Valley Middle School, Coalition for an African American Community Agenda, Sunnydale Tenants Assn., Herz Playground, and Visitation Valley Community Center.

## "Good Neighbor" Policy Key To Reducing Crime

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## Camp Fire Koyuse Club offering Spring Day Camp

A spring day camp will be offered by the Camp Fire Koyuse Club April 13-17, Monday through Friday, for Visitation Valley boys and girls in grades 1 through 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

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## Origins of the Black Press

### Part 3

One of the most powerful voices of the abolitionist movement and the pioneer black press belonged to Frederick Douglass, son of a black slave and an unknown caucasian father.

A regular reader of William Lloyd Garrison's *Liberator*, an abolitionist newspaper, Douglass soon became a regular contributor, supplementing his writings with various lectures.

He fled to England in 1845 to escape the grasp of bounty hunters, lecturing and serving as a foreign correspondent for black newspapers until 1847, when European admirers contributed to buying his freedom.

Douglass published the first issue of his own newspaper, the *North Star*, on November 1, 1847, with more than \$2000 contributed by his English friends. Issued from Rochester, New York, the *North Star's* slogan was: "Right is of no Sex - Truth is of no Color."

- God is the Father of us all, and we are the Brethren."

Merged with the *Liberty Party Paper*, a Syracuse journal published by Gerrit Smith, the *North Star* lasted until 1851, when Douglass began publishing a new weekly, *Frederick Douglass' Paper*, which lasted until 1860. *Frederick Douglass' Monthly* was also issued for a few years.

Besides opposing slavery, Douglass also campaigned for farm and mechanical rearing as an alternative to the then traditional black occupations. He reestablished an old abolitionist journal, the *National Era*, publishing it weekly for four years.

Besides his publishing ventures, his national exposure saw him appointed to government posts as a U.S. marshal in 1877, and then District of Columbia recorder of deeds in 1886. Douglass was America's minister to Haiti from 1888 to 1891.

He died on February 20, 1895, at the age of 77, having dedicated a lifetime to the betterment of his race.

organized Know-Nothings, a political party then forming as an alternative to the then established Democrats and Whigs.

Webb was soon nominated the party's candidate for mayor, and a negative campaign launched against a corrupt City government saw him winning the election and taking office on October 2, 1854. But one Webb was in, the graft and treasury pilfering continued.

A new City charter, drafted in 1853, moved mayoral elections to May, but this time Webb found himself on the short end, losing to the more conservative Democratic campaign of James Van Ness.

He returned to Salem a few years later, again becoming mayor there in 1860. Webb became Salem's city clerk in 1863, remaining there until his retirement in 1870. He died on September 29, 1879, at the age of 75.

numerous awards, and in 1923 the French government made him a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. While Tanner's work is varied, he is particularly known for his portrayal of Biblical subjects, which are endowed with the same human dignity and contemplative spirit that characterize his scenes of everyday life.

Guess who was a curator for the exhibit? A local artist from the Bayview community whom we all know and love: Mr. Thomas Tandy. Mr. Tandy is a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School and native San Franciscan who did several of the murals in the communities and won a Coca-Cola art scholarship in the '70's. He conquered a substance abuse problem and is now working the Art Truck at the De Young Museum.

## HENRY OSSAWA TANNER

by Shirletha Holmes-Boxx

March 1, 1992 was the last day for the fabulous Tanner exhibit. This is certainly a disappointment to many of us, who wish it was a permanent exhibit in the De Young Museum. It exemplifies the outstanding contributions African Americans have made to the betterment of this world.

Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859 - 1937) is recognized today as the foremost African American artist at the turn of this century. Raised in Philadelphia in a household described as "the center of the black intellectual community", Tanner studied under the renowned artist Thomas Eakins. In 1891 he sailed for France and in 1894 began to exhibit at the annual Paris Salon. He won

## THIS MONTH In San Francisco HISTORY

April 1: In 1850, a four story building at the corner of Pacific and Kearny Sts. was purchased for \$150 thousand by the City for its new town hall. On the same day, San Francisco's country government was established. In 1851, Montgomery St. became the City's first illuminated thoroughfare, with street-lamps funded by property owner's contributions. In 1941, the U.S. Navy took control of Treasure Island, man-made former location of the 1939-40 Golden Gate International Exposition.

April 3: In 1848, the first American public school in San Francisco opened. In 1969, the final sunken section of the BART trans-bay tube was connected.

April 7: In 1957, sections of two former cable car routes were combined to form the new Powell & Hyde Sts. line.

April 10: In 1878, Adolph Sutro commenced operation of his steam railroad.

April 11: In 1958, Brooks Hall, a sub-surface auditorium adjacent to the Civic Center Plaza, was dedicated.

April 12: In 1898, the bulk of Yerba Buena Island was transferred by the U.S. Army to the Navy.

April 14: In 1860, after a series of relays from St. Joseph, Missouri, the first pony express rider arrived in San

Francisco.

April 15: In 1850, the City of San Francisco was incorporated. In 1926, the Visitacion Valley branch gymnasium of the San Francisco Boy's Club was officially dedicated. In 1966, dredging operations were commenced in San Francisco Bay for the sectional placement of the trans-bay tube.

April 18: In 1868, the San Francisco branch of the S.P.C.A. was established. In 1906, a powerful earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 8.25 on the later established Richter scale shook San Francisco at 5:12 a.m. for nearly a minute. Ruptures gas and water lines contributed to the worst fire in the City's history. In 1907, the Fairmont Hotel was opened.

April 19: In 1850, the British brig *Warlock* arrived in San Francisco bringing the first Chinese immigrants from Hong Kong. In 1852, the California Historical Society was incorporated. In 1906, in the aftermath of the earthquake, 176 prisoners were transferred to the military prison on Alcatraz from the City's damaged jail.

April 20: In 1958, after decades of service, including 20 years running on the Bay Bridges's lower deck, Key System trains were replaced by busses.

April 21: In 1892, the first buffalo was born in Golden Gate Park. In 1940, the eventual Douglas MacArthur Tunnel in the Presidio was opened.

April 25: In 1945, the newly created United Nations began its first conference in San Francisco.

April 28: Howard & Hudson Co. published the City's first Chinese language newspaper, the bilingual *Golden Hills' News*, to serve California's 25,000 new readers from the Orient.

## They Were San Franciscans

### Samuel Brannan

When Samuel Brannan and nearly 300 exiled Mormons arrived in the Bay Area on July 31, 1846, San Francisco was little more than a sleepy hamlet of a few streets named Yerba Buena, Spanish for "good grass." Leaving the East Coast to develop a new colony out west, the weary travelers had navigated around Cape Horn, and made a brief stop in the Hawaiian Islands.

Born in 1812 near Portland, Maine, Brannan was baptized into the Mormon faith by William Smith, one of the church's founders.

Similar to a journey his father Thomas had made from Ireland to the Colonies in 1775, a year before a new United States declared itself independent, Brannan and his followers sailed to a West Coast still disputed between the United States and Mexico. An American flag had been raised at Yerba Buena just weeks earlier.

Six months later, his printing expertise inspired him to start the *California Star*, San Francisco's first newspaper, on January 9, 1847. Since the town's name wouldn't officially become "San Francisco" until the end of that month, the first several issues of the four-page three column bilingual weekly's dateline bore the name Yerba Buena. Brannan carried on somewhat of a rivalry with the editors of the *Californian*, the state's first newspaper based at Monterey, once referring to its two-man staff as a "Lying sycophant and an overgrown lickspittle."

When the Mexican-American War ended the following year, the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill created a swarm of settlers known as "forty-niners." Brannan proceeded to cash in on the craze; not by digging for gold himself, but by selling provisions to the prospective fortune finders through his highly successful general mercantile stores based both in San Francisco and the Sacramento Valley.

Brannan went on to become a member of the San Francisco City Council, served as a member of the City's vigilance committees, and dealt a quantity of downtown real estate.

## The California Star



His love of spirits eventually led him to Calistoga in the Napa Valley where he purchased hundreds of acres of land for vineyards, and built a brandy distillery.

Married three times, a nasty divorce cost Brannan a large percentage of his vast fortune, and he eventually moved south, where he spent his final years in Escondido, a growing community northeast of San Diego. Still promoting real estate, his advertising read: "See Sam Brannan...Homes for Healthy and Husbandry...Escondido, California."

Brannan died there on May 5, 1889, at the age of 77. San Francisco remembers him with Brannan St.

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**Saturday, April 4**

## Sunday, April 5

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**Tuesday, April 7**

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**Wednesday, April 8**

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## EARTH DRAMA LAB

ECO-RAP (at Rock the Bay, Community Night, on West Coast Weekend)  
Eco-Rapper A.K. Black joins the VVCC Contemporary Musics Ensemble for three musical performances with a message.

**ROCK THE BAY** (Friday, April 17, 7pm-midnight) At Fort Mason's Festival Pavilion. A Benefit Dance Concert for Save San Francisco Bay Association and Earth Drama Lab. Music by Zulu Spear, Zasu Pitts Memorial Orchestra, Connie Champagne and Her Orchestra, DJ Fil Slash, MC Jello Biafra, and many surprise guests. All tickets only \$12.

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Call SLUG's Compost hotline for information and reservation at 468-0262.

## Center For The Blind

## Calendar

Saturday, April, 18, 12 Noon -- Beeping Easter Egg Hunt for blind and visually impaired children and their families. Free picnic, followed by "beeping" egg hunt. Gifts for everyone. Sponsored by the Lions Blind Sports Foundation and held at 990 Burlingame Avenue, Burlingame. Reservations, call the Rose Resnick Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired at (415) 441-1980.

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Board of Education	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:00PM
Board of Supervisors	each Monday	2:00PM
Commission on Aging	1st Wednesday	9:30AM
Comm - Status of Women	4th Thursday	4:00PM
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The Community Music Center Orchestra, under the direction of Urs Steiner, entertained an enthusiastic crowd of celebrants at the Visitation Valley Community Center's Founders Day, marking the 74th Anniversary of the founding of VVCC.



Some of the volunteers that helped serve the luncheon at the VVCC Founders Day Celebration: (l. to r.) Delores Umbarger, Patricia Crocker, Jeffrey, Lash Weidenhofer, Pilar and Jaime Dexter.



Herman P. Jones, VVCC Board President, enjoys the concert with his daughter Erica.



Charles Arosio and Emma Msgrrell enjoying the peoplewatching scene at VVCC Founders Day 1992.



A good time was had by all at VVCC Founders Day, March 21, 1992. Next year is our 75th...we look forward to a good one.



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